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SUBJ: INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL SEMI-ANNUAL REPORTING
REQUIREMENT UNDER SECTION 481 OF FAA

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1. ILLICIT NARCOTICS SITUATION. PAKISTAN PRODUCES ABOUT 200 TONS OF OPIUM PER YEAR OF WHICH LESS THAN 5 PERCENT IS LEGAL. 120 TONS ARE CONSUMED LOCALLY AND 80 TONS FINDS ITS WAY INTO IRAN, TURKEY, WESTERN EUROPE AND POSSIBLY THE UNITED STATES.

2. INC PROGRAM STATUS. THE INC PROGRAM IN PAKISTAN FOCUSES ON ASSISTING THE GOP TO DEVELOP A STRONG ENFORCEMENT CAPABILITY AND TO FIND ECONOMIC ALTERNATIVES TO POPPY CULTIVATION. PROGRESS IS SLOW MAINLY BECAUSE OF A LACK OF A SERIOUS COMMITMENT ON THE PART OF THE GOP TO NARCOTICS CONTROL. EMBASSY IS ALSO IMPEDED IN ITS EFFORTS TO MOVE PROGRAM FORWARD BECAUSE OF LACK OF SUFFICIENT STAFF TO WORK ON PROJECTS. THERE ARE TWO INC PROJECTS CURRENTLY ACTIVE AND ONE STILL UNDER NEGOTIATION.

3. INC PROJECT 391-0429 SWABI AREA DEVELOPMENT. THE BASELINE DATA SURVEY OF THE SWABI-GADOON POPPY AREA WAS SUBMITTED TO THE MISSION IN MARCH. THE SURVEY IS BEING EXAMINED AND CERTAIN ADJUSTMENTS
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MADE TO MAKE IT A USEFUL DOCUMENT FOR DECIDING ON PROMISING METHODS FOR INTRODUCING ECONOMIC ALTERNATIVES TO POPPY CULTIVATION.

4. INC PROJECT 391-0396 - ENFORCEMENT. MOVEMENT ON RESOLVING THE TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATION PROBLEMS IDENTIFIED IN THE JOINT ASSESSMENT HAS BEEN SLOW. AN

AMENDED PROJECT AGREEMENT WHICH WOULD REPLACE THE INAPPROPRIATE RADIOS AND VEHICLES IS STILL GOING THROUGH THE PAKISTANI BUREAUCRACY. HOWEVER, SURPLUS RADIOS HAVE BEEN RETURNED TO USG CONTROL IN ADVANCE OF FINAL ACTION ON THE AMENDED PROJECT AGREEMENT.

5. INC PROJECT 391-0439 INCOME SUBSTITUTION. THE DRAFT PROJECT AGREEMENT IS STILL UNDER NEGOTIATION, AND WE HAVE NO CLEAR INDICATION FROM THE GOP WHEN APPROVAL CAN BE EXPECTED.

6. HOST GOVERNMENT FACTORS. THE BIGGEST IMPEDIMENT TO OUR ANTI-NARCOTICS EFFORTS IS THAT THE GOP DOES NOT PERCEIVE NARCOTICS' PRODUCTION AND TRAFFICKING AS A PROBLEM. WHILE THE GOVERNMENT MAY HAVE A LOW LEVEL AWARENESS OF IT, IT HAS MADE LITTLE EFFORT TO DRAMATIZE THE PROBLEM TO THE NATION AND MOBILIZE THE NATIONAL WILL. THE EFFORTS WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO ENCOURAGE THEM TO MAKE SUFFER FROM A LACK OF COMMITMENT FROM THE GOP WHICH IS REFLECTED IN THE LOW LEVEL OF SUPPORT GIVEN TO PAKISTAN NARCOTICS CONTROL INSTITUTIONS. THUS, ALTHOUGH THE PNCB COOPERATES WITH US AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE, THE LACK OF FULL GOVERNMENT SUPPORT MAKES THIS COOPERATION LESS THAN TRULY EFFECTIVE.

7. IN ADDITION TO THIS, ALL OPIUM PRODUCTION IN PAKISTAN IS IN THE NWFP MUCH OF WHICH HAS YET TO COME TOTALLY UNDER GOVERNMENT CONTROL. OPIUM HAS BEEN GROWN AND USED HERE FOR UNCLASSIFIED

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MANY GENERATIONS AND THERE IS RESISTANCE TO CURTAILING WHAT, FOR SOME FARMERS, IS THEIR MOST LUCRATIVE CASH CROP.

8. SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS. THE MOST SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENT DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD WAS THE INITIATION OF OPERATION POKER IN MARCH. THIS IS A JOINT DEA/PAK CUSTOMS PROGRAM TO STRENGTHEN THE CAPABILITIES OF PAKISTANI CUSTOMS TO STEM THE FLOW OF DRUGS FROM KARACHI HARBOR. THE ADJACENT COASTLINE AND KARACHI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.

A DRUG UNIT OF UT MEN HAS BEEN CREATED WITHIN PAK CUSTOMS, VEHICLES AND SEAGOING LAUNCHES HAVE BEEN RENTED AND TRAINING IS PROCEEDING WITH THE HELP OF A TDY U.S. CUSTOMS OFFICER. THE EARLY RESULTS ARE PROMISING IN TERMS OF COMMITMENT BY PAK CUSTOMS AND SIGNIFICANT SEIZURES OF HASHISH AND OPIUM HAVE ALREADY TAKEN PLACE.

9. INC ASSISTANCE RECEIVED. NO INC ASSISTANCE HAS BEEN RECEIVED FOR ANY PROJECT OTHER THAN OPERATION POKER. FOLLOWING INC FUNDED EQUIPMENT WAS TAKEN

BACK FROM THE PAKISTAN NARCOTICS CONTROL BOARD AND
SHIPPED UNDER WASHINGTON INSTRUCTIONS TO THE FOLLOWING
LOCATIONS:

1. TO PEOPLES POLICE FORCE, MINISTRY OF HOME AND
RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS, RANGOON (BURMA)

50 TRANSCEIVERS MOBILE SC 120
50 HAND MICROPHONE
50 MOBILE WHIP ANTENNA, ETC.
50 MOBILE MOUNT RACK
50 BATTERY CONNECTING LEAD
44 INSTALLATION/OPERATING MANUAL
44 INSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE MANUAL
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2. TO NARCOTICS CONTROL UNIT, AMERICAN EMBASSY
BANGKOK (THAILAND)

24 TRANSCEIVERS SC 120 (12 MOBILE & 12 BASE)
24 TELESCOPING MAST
12 DIAPOLE ANTENNA
24 HAND MICROPHONE
12 MOBILE WHIP ANTENNA, ETC.
12 MOBILE MOUNT RACK
12 BATTERY CONNECTING LEAD
22 INSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE MANUAL
22 INSTALLATION/OPERATING MANUAL

12 BATTERY SETS
12 POWER SUPPLY CHARGERS

UNDER OPERATION POKER, DEA IN KARACHI IS RENTING TWO
VEHICLES, ASSISTING PAK CUSTOMS IN REPAIRING SEIZED BOATS
FOR USE IN THE OPERATION AND PAYING UP TO HALF OF THE
OPERATING COSTS OF THE VEHICLES AND BOATS.

10. FINANCIAL DATA FOR OCTOBER 1, 1977 - MARCH 31, 1978.

A. SWABI AREA DEVELOPMENT - 391-0429.

FY 78 OBLIGATIONS EXPENDITURE FROM 1978
OR PRIOR YEAR FUNDING

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US PERSONNEL	0	0
TCN & LOCAL PERSONNEL	0	0
COMMODITIES	0	0
PARTICIPANT TRAINING	0	0
OTHER (SWABI STUDY)	0	\$ 14,573

B. ENFORCEMENT 391-0396

US PERSONNEL	0	0
TCN AND LOCAL PERSONNEL	0	0
COMMODITIES	0	0
PARTICIPANT TRAINING	0	0
OTHER (SHIPPING COSTS)	0	\$ 4,436

C. OPERATION POKER

US PERSONNEL	0	\$ 5,776
TCN & LOCAL PERSONNEL	0	0
COMMODITIES	0	\$ 285.65
PARTICIPANT TRAINING	0	0
OTHER	\$ 13,800	\$ 3,337
RENTAL	(\$ 2,147)	
OPERATION & MAINTENANCE OF VEHICLES & LAUNCH		(\$ 1,190)

TDY US CUSTOMS OFFICER REQUESTED BY S/NM.
WE ASSUME S/NM WILL ACTUALLY EXPEND FUNDS.

D. PARTICIPANT TRAINING - DEA ENFORCEMENT SCHOOLS:

PER DIEM (3 PAKISTANI OFFICERS) - \$ 1575
TRAVEL (2 PAKISTANI OFFICERS) - \$ 3508

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